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THE RAILROAD YOLLING BILL IN THE SENATE.

Passage of the Washington Heights Bill in the Senate.

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Anany, March 20, 1960.

The Regency here (Dagger & Oc.) and others from New York are in a busy fright, opposing the projected amendments to the charter of 1857. Aldermen Peck, Brady, Smith and others of the Board have been here, using every resource for the same object. At their previous visit they procured the insertion in the tax lovy of a clause giving the Common Council a salary of one thousand dollars a year, which sum is carried out with the additions of "oarriage hire and other expenses" to the amenut of sixty four thousand dollars. From this fund, I am in formed upon the best authority, it is promised that there shall be a large disbursement made here for the defeat of the proposed charter. Last year a similar bargain was made, but the appropriation was struck out, and although the charter amendments were then defeated, some of the parties who did the work got only their labor for their pains.

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It is openly stated in the lobbies that the Tammany men have their agents here, promising \$20,000 for the defeat of the chairer. The republican committee men age farious on this subject, and threaten to have very curious proceedings in case of defection or opposition among certain of their members. Although the disbursements last year for the same purpose did not near reach the extent of the promises made, yet it is certain that nine thousand dollars were so spent, and that under well known circumstances, which it is possible the city republicans may, for revenge, expose. At all events a batile royal is to be an dispated. The republicans, poor and hungry, and being out of effice, rely upon their party strength, whilst their antigonists of Tammany Hall stand upon their sure possession of the sinews of war, as well as their experience of the carruptibility of the bodies here.

By The Aldermon and Tammany men have their head-quarters at the Stanwix. Frequent cancuses have been held here, and as there are not half a daron Mozarters in the Legislature, the fight on the charier will be upon strictly party grounds for the spoils between the republican and Tammany forces. Rever, Comover, Hall and the boads and talls of the Republican Committees, are in constant and busy sension at the Congress. The Tammany agents are say and stealthy in their movements, while their opposition of the spoils between the republican and autone etumbiling block to their harmony, which is as to the extent to which the Mayor shall be recognized in any practical amendment of the first for the exclusive agrandizement of Haws would prove abortive.

Mr. Smith made a minority report to day from the committee—a lengthy one—which was read by the Clerk, reviewing the whole matter.

The Covernor sent in a veto to day upon the New York Tax kery, objecting to it on account of the

The statement made by Mr. Miller that he had not held any conversation with the directors of the Union Ferry Company, or any of the managers, is certainly very singular. Cyrus R. Smith, Stranahan, and J. A. Cross have been seen in frequent conversation with him. Starnahan's agent, Hasbuock has also been thick with Miller's friends. These facts come to me from persons who say they can substantiate them. Now, what does it all mean? I am further teld that Austin Myers gave his reason without hesitation for not signing the minority report that Weed told him he must not. Does all this look as though this question has been decided by the committee upon its merits only?

The bill to lay out the property known as Washington Heights passed the Senate to-day, by yeas 20, nays 4, as follows—Aves—Meesrs. Abell, Bell, Blood, Colvin, Connolly, Fiero, Grant, Hammond, Bilhouse, Ketcham, Lapham, McGraw, Montgomery, Murree, P. P. Murphy, Ramsey, Richmond, Roberton, Rotch, Warner.

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The Lieuterant Governor announced the Committee of Conference on the Toll bill this morning as follows:—Merser, P. P. Murphy, Truman and Grant—two in favor of the House bill and one of the Senate.

A protracted and spirited debate took place upon it. The friends of the Senate bill felt that they were not correctly represented in the committee.

Mr. Hammond moved a reconsideration of the vote appointing the committee. The motion, after some debate, was amended so as to lake the vote direct upon direcharging each member of the committee. The vote was first taken on P. P. Murphy, which was lost, and he was retained in the committee. The next motion was upon Senator Grant, which was also lost, and he retained. The next was upon Senator Truman, which was carried, and Senator Truman was stricken out of the list. Then came the notion of taking the appointment out of the hands of the chair and the Senate appoint, which was carried. A number of mames were encetioned but they declined. Finally, that of Mr. Sessions was mentioned, and he voting for himself was appointed. This the Central Railroad men consider a triumph, and it clocks as though no Toll bill could be passed unless it is the commutation bill of the Senate. The contest on the question was a long and exciting one. Many of the leading republicans seem to look upon the vote of one or two Senators as being against the action of the casus which they assented to.

The bill to abolish capital punishment was under consideration in the Assembly this evening. Mr. Robinson opened the ball with an excellent speech in favor of the bill. He shought that the divine truths of the Bibs would hold for all eternity, but the civil decrees, no one he shought, would claim was applicable now.

He was followed by Mr. Fowell, who also made a short but well-timed speech in favor of the proportionate with the crime. He would consider when the d

## NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

Atmayy, March 23, 1860. Several petitions to reduce the milk tariff on the Hark'm

Railroad were presented.

Three New York city railroad bills were then reported for the consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Pacesan (rep.) reported favorably the bill providing for the payment of the interest on canal drafts.

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